SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: All right. Sir, I feel that the power of appointing the Governor is with the President and within the scope of the Constitution, the President is the competent person because he appoints the Governor who holds office during the pleasure of the President. Therefore, there is no necessity to have a provision for impeachment.

In view of this, Sir, I would like to request the honourable Member to withdraw his Bill.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY): Now, there is a Message from the Lok Sabha.

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1988

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha, signed by the Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha:

"In accordance with the provisions of Rule 96 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, I am directed to enclose the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1988, as passed by the Lok Sabha at its sitting held on the 4th November, 1988."

Sir, I lay the Bill on the Table.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY): The Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 1988, as passed by the Lok Sabha, will be taken up for consideration today at 5.00 P.M.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Sir, it is not on the agenda... (*Interruptions*) It is not on the agenda.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Sir, he should be happy about it.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Sir, it is not there on the agenda today.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY): The Chairman has permitted it.

Now, Mr. Chitta Basu will reply.

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1987—(INSERTION OF NEW ARTICLE 156A)—(Contd.)

SHRI CHITTA BASU: Sir, as a matter of fact, I have spoken about the amendment when I was moving it on the last occasion.

Sir, as the Minister and many other Members have taken a lot of time on this and since I am also interested to see that one of our colleagues, Sari Satya Prakash Malaviya, is able to move his Bill, I should not like to discuss much about my Bill. Only one thing I want to make clear and it is this that the arguments that have been advanced are not convincing. The only point on which this Bill has been brought forward is the accountability of the Governor and there is no provision in the Constitution which safeguards the concept of accountability of the Governor. My only object was to see that a provision is made for having some accountability on the part of the Governor. That is all.

SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ: Sir, I have already mentioned that this power to appoint the Governor resides with the President and there is no need for any provision for impeachment because his office is not an elective one.